23 7 = B 1954

Professor A. H. Clifford Johns Hopkins University Department of Nathematics Maltimore 18, Maryland

Dear Ali

It is with regret that I learned from General Cenine that your commitments are such as to preclude the possibility of your accepting membership on the Nathematics Fanel of the Matienal Security Agency Scientific Advisory Board.

He has asked me to say to you that if in the future, as you suggest, your commitments should relax to the point where you feel you could accept this nomination, he would appreciate your informing him or me of the change in your situation.

At this time let me thank you for your kind consideration of your momination even though you are unable to accept it at the moment.

Sincorely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN Special Assistant

cc: AG C/8 S/ASST (Mr. Friedman)

M/R: Acknowledgment of Prof. Clifford's ltr dated 11 Feb 54, declining nomination to the Mathematics Panel of the NSASAB.

M.M.Felerski/S/ASST/60493/18 Feb 54